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In re Application of	Joseph McCrossan et al.	Customer No:	42212
Application No.	10/585,284	Art Unit:	2615
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Title:	RECORDING MEDIUM, REPRODUCTION DEVICE, RECORDING METHOD, AND REPRODUCTION METHOD		

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement included in the Office Action dated September 4, 2009, Applicants elect to prosecute the following with traverse:

Species 2: Fig. 11

Subspecies 1: Fig. 32

Subspecies 2: Fig. 36A

Subspecies 3: Fig. 47A

Claims 1-4, 6 and 7-14 correspond to the aforementioned figures. However, the Restriction Requirement is traversed as follows.

This application is a national stage application submitted under 35 USC 371. It is submitted that restriction practice pursuant to 37 CFR 1.141-1.146 is not applicable to such national stage applications submitted under 35 USC 371 [see MPEP 1893.03(d)]. Accordingly, withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested and the Examiner is requested to proceed with an examination of claims 1-17 pending in this application.

In the event that the Examiner has any comments or suggestion of a nature necessary to place this case in condition for allowance, then the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the Applicant's representatives to expedite allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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